(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir. Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation has been successful in supporting the library movement in the country to a considerable extent.

Maintenance of ASI sites by private parties

2984. SHRI LALIT SURI : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal under its consideration to handover Archaeological Survey of India properties/sites to private persons or organizations for proper maintenance and upkeep;

(b) if so, whether such properties/sites have been identified;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the terms on which these are proposed to be given to private persons/organizations?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Question does not arise.

Maintenance of Razia Sultana Tomb in Delhi

†2985. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the tomb of Razia Sultana at Turkman Gate in Delhi has been recognised as historical heritage;

(b) if so, the steps Government are taking for the maintenance of this tomb;

(c) whether Government are aware that this tomb has been encroached upon from all sides; and

(d) if so, Government's plan to facilitate the tourists to visit this place of international importance easily?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Razia Sultan's Tomb at Delhi is a centrally protected monument and the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has maintained it in a good state of preservation.

(c) and (d) the ASI has taken up action against the unauthorised constructions around the monument under the provisions of the Ancient Monuments, Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958 and the Rule, 1959, framed thereunder. Besides, it has prepared a plan to provide signage and essential facilities for the sake of the tourists.

Restoration of historical wail of Shahjahanabad

2986. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the wall that gave the walled city (Shahjahanabad) its name and character is disappearing; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to restore the historical wall?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) In September, 2002, a part of the city wall of Shahjahanabad in Daryaganj area was brought under central protection. A small portion thereof partially collapsed due to the heavy rains in July. The Archaeological Survey of India has promptly & vigorously taken up the work of conservation of the wall.

New construction project around Hampi

2987. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether UNESCO has strongly objected to the building of two bridges across the Tungabhadra saying that development work, pollution and vibrations from vehicles will steadily destroy the 400 years old heritage site of Hampi;

(b) whether it is mandatory for Government to inform UNESCO about the development work around heritage sites and if so, whether Government have informed the UNESCO of the new construction projects around Hampi;